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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q59071

Takashi MURAI

Appln. No.: 09/559,820

Group Art Unit: 3682

Confirmation No.: 3230

Examiner: Timothy P. McANULTY

Filed: April 28, 2000

For: RETAINER FOR ROLLING BEARINGS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Page 23, please delete the first full paragraph, and replace it with the following new paragraph:**

Therefore, the axial length of the run-out preventing portion with which the likelihood that the roller 10 is damaged when it is inserted into the pocket is kept as low as possible while the rotating performance thereof is maintained is equal to or less than the roller effective length  $e$  and preferably greater than 0.75 times the roller effective length  $e$ . In a case where the axial length of the run-out preventing portion is set at 0.75 times or less the roller effective length  $e$  in length, when a retainer and roller assembly comprising a retainer and rollers is installed between races, the rollers are inclined, this making it difficult to so install the retainer and roller assembly.

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EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

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Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

	After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For					
All Claims	8	-	9	=	X	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent	6	-	5	=	1 X	\$84.00	=	\$84.00
TOTAL							=	\$84.00

A check for the statutory fee of \$84.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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